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STATEMENT OF HIS EXCELLENCY PASTEUR BIZIMONGU, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF RWANDA BEFORE THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THE
REMOVAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER,
ON 28TH AUGUST 1995

1. The horrors of genocide and massacres left our country with intricate problems related mainly to the collapse of the entire administration, the traumatised and uprooted population. The government of unity led by the Prime Minister had on its agenda to quickly solve most of those problems in an appropriate manner.
2. To achieve this, we needed a strong leadership with determination to solve these problems at the satisfaction of Rwandans, and merit confidence and support of the whole population.
3. It is however evident that the members of the government are no longer pursuing the same objective. They often speak with discordant voice before the Rwandans and the international community, as if some of them do not believe in the principles and objectives of the government program. This has happened very often and has negatively affected the confidence people have in our government.
4. The current lack of follow up and coordination in the implementation of the government program handicaps our ability to solve our problems. This can still be redressed if there were enough commitment. However, the most serious problem which is the root cause of the tragedies that devastated our country, and against which we are all determined to fight, is creating divisions among Rwandans to serve selfish personal interests. That we cannot tolerate.

5. We cannot overcome all these intricated problems if we do not take seriously our responsibilities and prove to the Rwandan people that we are worthy of their confidence and we have enough courage and determination to deliver on our promises.

6. Because of all the above-mentioned and after wide consultations, we found it necessary to replace the Prime Minister. As we are required by the Fundamental Law, especially in the paragraph 6 of the RPF/Inkotanyi declaration of July 17, 1994, we invite you to support this decision, mindful that we share the same objective of defending the highest interests of the Rwandan people and our country. I take this opportunity to inform you that some members of the government will also be replaced.

Thank you.